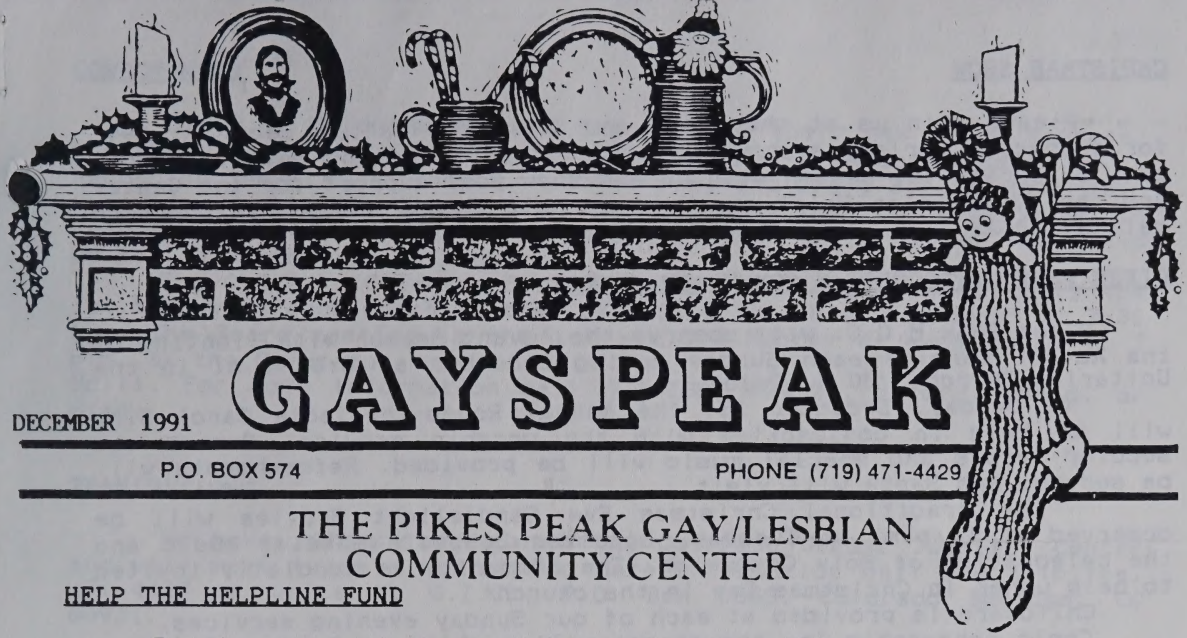

GAYSPEAK

DECEMBER 1991

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THE PIKES PEAK GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

HELP THE HELPLINE FUND

The Community Center's Helpline handles 250 calls a month. That puts a lot of strain on our equipment, and, frankly, it's wearing out. The system requires two pieces of equipment, a call diverter and an answering machine, and both need to be replaced. The call diverter (which magically whisks your calls to the Helpline volunteer's telephone) costs about $200, and the answering machine costs another $75. So we're starting a "Help the Helpline" fund to collect $275 in donations from our members and friends this month. Donations will be specifically earmarked to replace this equipment and give us a fail-safe Helpline, something the Community Center and community really need.

We know that December is a tough month for many people financially. But if everyone will pitch in a little bit ($10 or so) we'll make it. So, please, help us get the Helpline back in shape, so that this valuable resource is available to all. Your contributions are tax-deductible, and we promise to send you a receipt.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

With the center's new board in place and a feeling of enthusiasm, December is promising to be a time of renewal and opportunity. GAYSPEAK's staff is making a concerted effort to publish the first week in each month and wishes to thank those who are trying to help us meet this time frame. Our new deadline is the 15th of the month, giving us 2 weeks to compile, edit, and publish the newsletter. I also wish to thank the rest of the staff for their assistance in publishing GAYSPEAK and working so hard to improve the format so that it might truly become a voice of the community. As members of the community please let us know what you want so that we can meet your needs.

Presently we need an ad-person to collect ads for print and collect payment for ad services rendered. If you feel you can contribute in this way please contact us through the Helpline at 471-4GAY.

CHRISTMAS SHOW

Please join us at the "Hide and Seek Complex" on Dec. 13, 1991 for a special Christmas show to benefit the Center and Helpline. Come out, celebrate the season with us and show your support for the Center and the Gay/Lesbian Helpline. Help us help you. For more information call 471-4GAY.

PIKES PEAK METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pikes Peak M.C.C. will observe the Advent Season with lighting of the Advent Candles each Sunday during December at 5:00 p.m. in the Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon.

On Sunday, December 15, the Annual Round-the-Table Carol Sing will be held in conjunction with the worship service. Sacred and secular carols and special music will be provided. Refreshments will be served, and Santa will visit.

The traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be observed at 11 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24, with special music and the celebration of Holy Communion. The community is cordially invited to help usher in Christmas Day in the church!

Childcare is provided at each of our Sunday evening services.

Choir rehearsals for the season will be held on Sunday, December 1, and December 15, 3 p.m.

S-CAP NEWS

The Seventh Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Conference on HIV Disease will be held at the Red LIon Hotel (formerly the Registry Hotel), 3203 Quebec Street, Denver Colorado, on Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8, 1992.

FEES
Postmarked by December 31, 1991:
Individual.....$95.00 Group.....$80.00
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Five or more registrations from the same organization in the same envelope postmarked by December 31, 1991, will receive a special rate of $80.00 per registrations. Refunds are not permitted for this group rate. For more information contact Peter Ralin at (303)893-6300, (303)837-0166, or the S-CAP office at (719)578-9092.

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COWBOY NEWS

C.G.R.A. Colorado Springs has elected their new board members: President - Harold Colbert, Mark D. - Vice President, Ralph C. - Recording Secretary, Tony K. - Treasurer, and Craig B. - Membership.

April 24, 25, and 26 will be our dates for the next Rodeo in Colorado Springs. We hope everyone will show their support and help us put on another great Rodeo.

The C.G.R.A. Colorado Springs general membership meeting is the 1st Monday of each month at the Colorado Grill "Hide and Seek" at 7:30 p.m. The Board meeting is the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Colorado
Grill. For more information call 576-CGRA (2472), Harold, Graig, or Stan.

TRANISITIONS

We have joined forces with the Colorado Gender Identity Center and will meet twice a month. For more information call the Helpline, 471-4429 or write to G.I.C., P.O. Box 5553, Colorado Springs, CO 80931.

NEW SUPPORT GROUP

We have a new Rocky Mountain Women's Support Group. It's a social and support group formed on the basis of each individuals need and input. The group meets at Pine Crest, 3734 E. LaSalle, Social Room. Monday nights 7 - 9 p.m.

COMMUNITY CONGRESS A BIG SUCCESS

One hundred people turned out Friday night, November 15, for the First Annual Lesbian and Gay Community Congress. Enthusiasm was high as everyone jumped into an experience many had not had before--working with a larg group of gay people to help shape our community's future. The crowd broke up into small groups to discuss our community's strengths, areas in which growth is necessary, and ways to achieve that growth. Each of the groups then submitted their assessment of these issues.

A complete report is available at Abaton Books (behind Bambino's on West Colorado Ave.). Some preliminary conclusions can be stated now. Our community's strengths include our organizations (New Phazes, the MCC, PFLAG, and Abaton Books were specifically mentioned), our growing empowerment this year (the first Gay Pride March and first Gay Rodeo, our growing unity, our greater visibility as a community, our leadership, and our growing number of organizations were examples), and our diversity.

Our community's areas of need include greater unity among women and men, better communication, increased effectiveness of the Community Center, better fund-raising, more social activities, more education of the general public and of our community, and centralization of information.

COMMUNITY CONGRESS A BIG SUCCESS

A number of specific projects were suggested. We would like readers to let us know which of these you might be interested in. Please mention all that you're willing to pitch in with--there isn't any obligation in responding! Also let us know which projects you'd be willing to chair or co-chair.

These projects include:

--volunteering with the Community Center
--continuing the community building/planning process
--sports leagues (which sport?)
--monthly potluck dinners
--monthly issue-oriented discussion sessions
--dances and other one-night social activities (what activity?)
- gay pride march committee
--gay parents' activities
- monthly lesbian and gay film night
--education of the general public
- gay computer network
--compiling a lesbian and gay directory for Colorado Springs
--adopt-a-highway program
--history of the lesbian and gay community in Colorado Springs

Please send your interests to Community Congress Response, PPGLCC, P.O. Box 574, Colorado Springs, CO 80901, or call the Helpline at 471-4429 and leave a message.

Thanks to the many people and organizations that helped make the Congress such a success. NEW PHAZES and the Metropolitan Community Church co-sponsored the Congress, along with the Community Center. Linda Sutton and Alan Cook contributed financially; Amy at Poor Richard's, the Dale Street Cafe, the Picnic Basket, and a friend at Pace who prefers to remain anonymous contributed food; and lots of people helped out at the Congress itself: Marion Harrison, Wayne Johnson, Anne-Marie Jordon, Paul Kutsche, Betty Lynn Mahaffy, Karen Main, Ed Sells, Tim Talent, and WW Walker.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thing are changing in Colorado Springs. This year our community has had several "firsts". We had our first Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade, our first Gay Rodeo, and our first Community Congress. We had our first demonstration, outside the GAZETTE TELEGRAPH building to protest a reprehensible editorial. Later, we received our most prominent press coverage ever--the "community stroy" in the GT. In fact, you could say (I often do) that our community came out this year. We became visible. There was opposition, but that was to be expected. Yes, things are changing for us, and for the better.

The Community Congress, by the way, was a huge success. The Center will do its part to ensure that the ideas that came out of the Congress become reality. And we need you, too, to do yours.

The Center's new Board is looking forward to our opportunity to revitalize the Center. Our community could be so much more active and the new Board members are determined that the Center will help lead the way. Let's all work together to make 1992 an exciting year for our community.

CHANGING OF THE BARS

For those of you who don't know, the EXIT closed in early November. Dan Thorson, who own the bar, goes back a long way in Colorado Springs. Let's all wich hime the best of luck and hope he can overcome his difficulties. In addition, JUST FRIENDS has changed its fname to THE LAB and now caters to a mixed clientele.

YOUNG GAYS: WANTED

Anthology of creative writing by young gays, lesbians, and bisexuals seeks submissions. "From Now On" will include fiction, poetry, and short dramatic writing by writers born 1966 and latter. Original and previously published work will be considered. Send submissions with SASE and short bio by January 31, 1992 to: Michael Lownethal, P.O. Box A- 164, Hanover, NH 03755

Editorial Principles and Criteria for Inclusion.
* To be eligible, material must be submitted by an author born in 1966 or later: those who were 3 or younger at the time of Stonewall, and 14 or younger at the beginning of the AIDS epidemic.
* Material will be included from self-identified. Gay men, lesbians. and bisexuals.
* The anthology is committed to principles of balance of genres.
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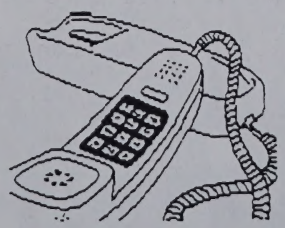

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